

Mayor's Message – October 2017

Mayor Ted Eyre was a great leader who was loved by many residents and employees. It has been a sad time for our city since his passing on Aug. 25. The transition of power is always challenging, but under the circumstances of the passing of a mayor, I think it's even more difficult than usual.

Murray is one of only 10 cities in the state that has a strong mayor-council form of government. The transition of power for circumstances like this is set by law in Utah and City Code. As I'm sure there are many questions and concerns about this transition, here is the process that has taken place in the past month.

Due to the vacancy in the office of the mayor, the city council chair immediately became the acting mayor for up to 30 days. On Aug. 29, a resolution was approved by the city council acknowledging Council Chair Diane Turner as the acting mayor.

The city council accepted applications until Friday, Sept. 8, from interested residents for the appointment of an interim mayor. The requirements were:

- Be a registered voter of Murray City.
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be a resident of Murray City for 12 months immediately before appointment.
- Must not be a convicted felon, a mentally incompetent person, or have committed treason or a crime against the elective franchise, unless their right to vote has been restored.

A special open meeting was held on Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. in the council chambers to select an interim mayor. Four residents submitted applications. Since two applicants withdrew their names for consideration and the other did not attend the meeting, I was the only one who was interviewed. The voting was unanimous and I was sworn in as interim mayor in the ensuing City Council Meeting. I am honored to serve in this capacity and will do everything possible to continue the vision and path that Mayor Eyre had started. The interim mayor will be in place until the swearing in of a new mayor on Jan. 2, 2018.

I appreciate the support I have received from staff and employees. I know I have big shoes to fill. I will do my best to serve each of you in this position of interim mayor and to honor Mayor Eyre's legacy.

Sincerely,

D. Blair Camp
Interim Mayor